

PETERSBURG BUILDING BREAKS ALL RECORDS

Outlay for Operations Is Placed Approximately at Figure of \$2,000,000.

MASONS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Alexander W. Bryant Made Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 15—Several Sent to Penitentiary From Hustings Court.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] PETERSBURG, VA., December 17.—Building operations in Petersburg this year have been on a vastly greater scale than ever before known in any one year. The aggregate outlay will approximate \$2,000,000. Among the improvements are two or three hotels, several large apartment houses and innumerable stores and residences.

Masonic Officers Elected.

At the regular meeting last night of Petersburg Lodge, No. 15, A. E. & A. M., the following officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year: Worshipful master, Alexander W. Bryant; senior warden, Rev. James A. McClure; junior warden, Rev. E. P. Dandridge; treasurer, P. M. Stewart; secretary, Charles E. Bost; senior deacon, R. C. McCall; junior deacon, George A. Zeigler; chaplain, Rev. Richard Wilkison; P. D. Officer, Joseph Williams; stewards, J. J. Gardner and Linton G. Adkins.

Another Development Company.

The Lake-Mont Corporation has been organized and chartered for the purpose of developing the White Hill tract of 550 acres, lying east of Petersburg on the Petersburg and Appomattox Railway. It is planned to develop a suburban residential subdivision. The officers of the corporation are: president, H. H. Markley; vice-presidents, J. L. Vaidman and T. J. Hughes; secretary and treasurer, J. T. Bandy; counsel, C. R. Williams.

More to the Penitentiary.

At last evening's session of the Hustings court there were several additional convictions on felony charges, with sentences to the penitentiary, as follows: George Robinson, colored, for shooting and wounding his wife, five years; Lexie Lyons, colored, for shooting and wounding, three years; Clinton Williams, colored, for grand larceny, two years.

News Notes of Interest.

Last evening at 8:30, at the home of the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. R. V. Jones, in North Market Street, Miss May Blanche Fraher and Robert Monroe Cheeley, both of Brunswick County, were married by Rev. A. L. Love. Several witnessed the ceremony.

DEATHS IN VIRGINIA

William Plummer Greeter.—The recent announcement of the death of William Plummer Greeter will recall to the memory of many the year immediately following the War Between the States, when Mr. Greeter was one of the best-known young men of Richmond. To a bright mind and ready wit was added an unfailing memory which enabled him to quote quickly and aptly from his store of knowledge from the reading and extensive acquaintance with his fellowmen.

Being a member of the Richmond Howitzers, he joined the army in 1861 with the first company. He afterwards served on detached duty, but went back to his old company before the close of the war and with it at the end. In 1879 he joined Joppa Lodge, No. 40.

Mr. Greeter was for some years engaged in journalistic work on the staff of the Evening News, subsequently he went into the insurance business, which became his life work. Before the death of his wife, who was Miss Mary Elizabeth Taylor of this city, he moved to Waterbury, Conn., where five of his children now live. Six now survive him, three daughters and three sons—Mrs. J. P. Pourqurean, Mrs. R. P. Barbour, Mrs. W. E. Fielding, Messrs. Carrington, William and Leonard. Mr. Greeter leaves a sister and a brother in Richmond, Mrs. Edwin Pleasant and Fred P. Greter.

Mr. Greeter was born in this city December 21, 1839, eldest son of the late George W. Greeter and Sarah Maria Pleasant, his wife.

The funeral was held from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Pourqurean, in Highland Park, on Sunday afternoon, and the interment made in Hollywood cemetery in the presence of many kindred and friends and a large delegation from his comrades of Lee Camp. Rev. Russell Ceell, D. D., pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Greeter had been many years a member, conducted the services.

Frank Anton Markli.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LEXINGTON, VA., December 17.—The funeral of Frank Anton Markli was held this afternoon from the Lexington Baptist Church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. S. Beazley, D. D., followed by interment in the Lexington Cemetery.

Mr. Markli died at his home in Lexington on Wednesday morning from the infirmities of age. He was born in Nols, Switzerland, on October 16, 1836, of French parentage. He was educated in the schools of Switzerland, and under private tutors mastered four languages other than his own. At an early age he began the study of the violin under a German master, and coming to the United States at the age of nineteen years he successfully taught music for a number of years in Gordonsville and at other points in Eastern Virginia. Impaired eyesight forced him to give up this career, and he engaged in the mercantile business in Philadelphia and Baltimore, later connecting himself with the Baltimore and Ohio Railway Company.

Mr. Markli served in General John D. Imboden's cavalry the first year of the War Between the States. He came to Lexington in 1883, where he lived until his death.

At the Movies To-Day

COLONIAL.—"Her Mother's Secret," with Dorothy Green. **VICTOR.**—"The Red Circle," a new fourteen-part serial. **REX.**—"The Confession." **NEW.**—"The King of the Borgias." **LITTLE.**—"Mr. Crea of Monte Carlo." **BIJOU.**—"Matrimony," with Julia Dean, and "Following Father's Footsteps." **ISIS.**—"Wildflower," with Marguerite Clark.

Marguerite Clark at Lulu.

Marguerite Clark, with Harold Lockwood, is the magnet set by the Isis to attract picture patrons to that theater to-day. "Wildflower" is the name of the play in which this brave of stars is to appear, and it is play said to be peculiarly attractive. In the press matter prepared in advance it is announced as "not a sermon, but an object lesson." The further advice is given by the same source that it is a play every one should see. At any rate, there's a lot of love in it, and then there's Marguerite Clark.

Good Picture at Colonial.

"Her Mother's Secret," in which Dorothy Green and Ralph Kellard are offered by William Fox as co-stars at the Colonial, proved a decided success yesterday with Colonial patrons. Under such circumstances it seems well that it is to be offered again to-day. The story is rather unusual, bringing to light a brother and sister, who are unaware of the relationship existing between them. The plot is worked out carefully, the production is up to the usual Fox standard, and both Miss Green and Mr. Kellard give adequate performance. It is essentially a picture worth while.

Farrar Coming Back to Little.

Theodore Marrs is in the picture-taking of E. Phillips Oppenheim's thrilling story, "Mr. Grea of Monte Carlo," which recently appeared in serial form in the Saturday Evening Post, will be seen in the Little Theater again to-day. This story has to do with the scheme of three of Europe's greatest diplomats to make a new map of the world, ignoring England and America. How all the clever plots and schemes are upset by an impetuous American in love with a grand duchess makes this an unusually interesting screen production. Owing to the enormous popularity of the production when shown here before, the management of the Little Theater announces that a return engagement of Geraldine Farrar in "Caroline" will be the offering for the first three days of next week.

Fine Triangle Program at Bijou.

Many have been the comments heard regarding "Matrimony," the Triangle feature, which is part of the program at the Bijou. It so happens that "Matrimony" is more nearly an exposition of what the experienced say is life than it is a play. It holds up the mirror as it were, and reflects just exactly what happens in the homes of many married people who are superlatively, at least, happy. The happy ending more than makes up for the moments of pathos, though it bears no resemblance at all to the usual variety of sob connections too frequently thrown upon the screen. For the curtain raiser, the Triangle Corporation sent Ford Sterling in the comedy, "His Father's Footsteps," produced under Mack Sennett's direction for laugh purposes. It accomplishes its purpose and justifies Mack Sennett.

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Mrs. Phoebe Scott Asbury. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., December 17.—Mrs. Phoebe Scott Asbury, daughter of the late Griffin Scott, died at the residence of her sister, Miss Ida Scott, this morning at 3:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Asbury is survived by two brothers, James Scott and Thomas E. Scott, and four sisters, Misses Ida, Hassie and Lucy Scott, and Mrs. D. L. Lavinder, all of Lynchburg.

Mrs. W. T. Smith. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., December 17.—Mrs. Annie Eliza Smith, aged fifty-eight years, wife of W. T. Smith, died yesterday evening at 8:30 o'clock, following an attack of pneumonia. She was a daughter of John M. Smith, and a native of Appomattox County. Mrs. Smith came to Lynchburg thirty-five years ago.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Smith is survived by two daughters, Mrs. E. S. Estes and Mrs. M. J. Wood, of Lynchburg, and a sister, Mrs. Maryberry, of Appomattox.

J. A. Frazier. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNCHBURG, VA., December 17.—J. A. Frazier, aged thirty-eight years, died at his home here on Thursday following an illness of a year. He is survived by his wife and four small children.

Mrs. Frances Clark. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] PETERSBURG, VA., December 17.—Mrs. Frances Clark, widow of W. W. Clark, died yesterday at her home near Winterpock, Chesterfield County, in her eightieth year.

FLETCHER GOES TO MEXICO

WASHINGTON, December 17.—Henry Prather Fletcher, now ambassador to Chile, was nominated by President Wilson to-day for ambassador to Mexico. Elsie Arredondo already has been appointed Mexican ambassador to the United States, and Mr. Fletcher's nomination to-day restores diplomatic relations between the two countries, broken off nearly three years.

CELESTINS VICHY

(FRENCH REPUBLIC PROPERTY) NOTICE Regarding SPLITS

SPLITS have now been placed on the market and should be asked for at all first-class Bars and Restaurants.

ASK FOR CELESTINS

Mr. Markli served in General John D. Imboden's cavalry the first year of the War Between the States. He came to Lexington in 1883, where he lived until his death.

Mr. Markli married Miss Mary Frances Smith, daughter of the late Robert Page Smith, of Alexandria, Va. She

SUIT IS INSTITUTED FOR MARSHALL TAXES

Commonwealth of Virginia and City of Williamsburg Seek to Recover \$900,000.

INMATE OF STATE ASYLUM

Trustee Claims Legal Residence for Miss Marshall in New York City. Though She Receives Treatment in Hospital for Insane in Virginia.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., December 17.—Suit was entered in the Circuit Court here yesterday by the Commonwealth against J. Frederick Kernochan, of New York, committee of Miss Marshall, to recover the sum of \$900,000, alleged to be due the State and the municipality of Williamsburg for back taxes. The Commonwealth will be represented by the Attorney General, and the city of Williamsburg by Frank Armstrong, of this city, and S. Otis Bland, of Newport News. It is not known who Mr. Kernochan is, but the suit will attract wide attention, both on account of the sum involved and the points of law to be decided. It appears that the whole question hinges on whether or not Miss Marshall, still being a patient, although paroled and only nominally

in charge of the State Hospital authorities, is a citizen of the State of Virginia.

IN AFFIDAVIT FILED IN NEW YORK RESIDENCE IS GIVEN IN VIRGINIA

The State authorities, who have investigated the case, express themselves as confident of making good the claims of the State and the city of Williamsburg for back taxes due on the Marie Marshall estate, of which Mr. Kernochan is joint committee with a New York trust company.

At the time the disclosures of omitted taxes were made by the Examiner of Records for the Williamsburg District, Mr. Kernochan explained that he had not given his personal attention to the payment of taxes for several years, but had left the matter to the trust company. Later he announced his intention to contest the tax claims in court. Among the documents to be submitted in evidence by counsel for the Commonwealth is a certified copy of an affidavit made by Mr. Kernochan in the Bureau of Taxes of New York City, when he was making tax returns on his individual estate and the Marie Marshall estate. In this affidavit Miss Marshall's place of residence is given as Virginia.

Enslange Kills Animals.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WOODSTOCK, VA., December 17.—Three mules and three horses, owned by William Powers, of near Woodstock, died to-day from poison caused by eating moldy ensilage. Elysen head horses and mules are sick and expected to die. Mr. Powers is a prosperous farmer of the Calvary section.

Raid s in Hopewell to Recover Loot

Properties of All Sorts Stolen During Big Fire Found By Authorities.

HOPEWELL, VA., December 17.

A quantity of goods of all descriptions, stolen by looters during the fire of last week, has been recovered by the militia and police in a series of raids on houses in which people under suspicion lived. In some cases several hundred dollars' worth of groceries and furniture were recovered.

Some remarkable and exciting incidents have occurred during these raids, and many peculiar thefts of articles have been recorded. In one house raided by the police, Assistant Fire Chief Pennington found one of his nozzles, a fire ax, a tool chest, and other tools owned by the fire department. The looters, it appeared, did not discriminate in taking goods, but evidently worked with but one idea in view, and that appeared to be to take everything they found.

How the looters made away with some of the goods which they are charged with having taken is a mystery to the police. In one case a soda fountain with its full equipment was stolen. This was recovered early this morning, and it looked at one time as if it might lead to the uncovering of a

system of making away with the goods, which looters had obtained.

Each day brings forth further evidence of looting, and the arrest and conviction of looters. A quantity of groceries which the police recovered last week turned over to the Prince George Hospital.

The Du Pont City Furniture Company, whose store burned up during the fire, had a quantity of trunks, suit

cases, and its cash register stolen by looters. Several of the suit cases have been recovered.

A regular system has been inaugurated for raiding houses under suspicion. Certain sections of the town are raided each night by a squad of militia and policemen with search warrants, and all stolen goods are hauled to the police station. Owners are notified to appear there and identify their property.



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